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King County/Burke Museum archaeology program and artifact identification

March 16, 2013 in Monroe

Residents encouraged to bring in bone, stone tools and other finds!

The Monroe Historical Society invites the community to its annual membership meeting and program Saturday, March 16 at the Monroe Library. Laura Phillips, Archaeology Collections Manager at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, will speak about local archaeology followed by an artifact identification session. Archaeologist Philippe LeTourneau of the King County Historic Preservation Program will join Phillips to identify objects. Residents are encouraged to bring in up to two items for identification, including Native American artifacts from the Pacific Northwest made from bones, antlers, rocks and shells. No appraisals will be given. The Burke Museum and King County do not authenticate items for sale. Artifact ID Day is an annual event at the Burke Museum in Seattle.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the artifact session from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. the Monroe Historical Society will hold its regular membership meeting to review accomplishments of the past year and elect officers and new trustees. The Monroe Library is located at 1070 Village Way in Monroe. All ages are welcome.

For more information, call (360) 217-2773 or visit <a href="www.monroehistoricalsociety.org">www.monroehistoricalsociety.org</a>. To learn more about archaeology and the Burke Museum visit <a href="www.burkemuseum.org">www.burkemuseum.org</a>. For more information on King County's archaeology program contact Phil LeTourneau at <a href="mailto:phillippe.letourneau@kingcounty.gov">phillippe.letourneau@kingcounty.gov</a>

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